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1. 15 young men were drafted for work in uranium ore pits for one year. They had to report at the labor office in Ostrov, where they received an identity card, 10 by 7 centimeters of thick red paper, bearing the heading: "Propustka pro zamestnanca Jachymovskych dolu v uzavrenem uzemi" (Permit for worker employed at the Jachymov Mines in the restricted area). The permit showed a round stamp reading SNB Jachymov (or Ostrov) and indicated the name of the holder, his date of birth, and the date at which the card expired.
2. All pits in the Horni Slavkov area had numbers except for the Barbora Pit, about 200 meters south of the edge of Horni Slavkov (N51/P68) at the rear of the railroad line, and the Lesnice Pit near the village of Lesnice (N51/P68). Pit 50X1-HUM near the Barbora Pit, Pits Nos. 4 and 8 which were southwest of the Barbora Pit, and Pits Nos. 17 and 18 which were on the road linking Horni Slavkov and Loket 50X1-HUM (N51/P58). Pit No. 20 was near the forest about 400 meters northwest of the town of Litrbachy and was less old than the other pits. Work in the pits was done in three shifts. The average surface work time was 8 hours. The surface workers, numbering about 100, were organized into gangs. About 2,500 brigade workers worked underground. Some were billeted in about 50 wooden huts near the Barbora Pit. Convicts who worked in the pits were quartered in about 30 wooden huts near the quarters of the brigade workers..
3. The management of the mines was accommodated in the inspectorate building, which was new and was located on a hill about one kilometer southeast of Horni Slavkov close to the workers' hutments. Soviet nationals who also inspected the pits were billeted at the inspectorate. The pits were guarded by plant militiamen in green uniforms. A former porcelain factory located on the Horni Slavkov-Loket stretch, about four kilometers from Horni Slavkov and one kilometer from Loket, served as a garage.

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4. On 20 January 1953, [] workers detailed to the uranium pits near Zadni Chodov (N50/P55) received new passes bearing the inscription "Propustka do pohranicniho pasma u Zadni Chodova" (Pass for the border zone at Zadni Chodov), with a stamp reading "SNB Jachymov narodni podnik Jachymov". Except for its green color the new permits were similar to the old permits, which were not collected.

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5. The Zadni Chodov area had four pits. Two were about one kilometer west of Zadni Chodov on the road to Maehring (N50/P45) in Bavaria. The other two were in a forest about two kilometers northwest of Zadni Chodov. [] the pits had been completed in the fall of 1952. Work was done with pneumatic boring tools. Prior to late February 1953, the hoisting plants were wooden structures. They were later replaced by iron ones. The ore extracted in Pit No. 19 was shoveled into boxes, 50 by 50 by 60 centimeters, loaded on Tatra-type trucks and shipped away presumably to Horni Slavkov. About 80 boxes of the kind were filled before they were carried away by two trucks, which were loaded at about 6 a.m. every morning and reappeared at about noon and about 9 p.m., indicating that each truck carried about 40 boxes. Another one to three trucks were dispatched with loose ore cargo.
6. A new pit was under construction about one kilometer west of Svaty Kriz (N50/P55) at point 605 m. Boring operations started in mid-April 1953. A wooden hoisting plant and the electrical power supply were the only installations completed at the time. [] a rich ore layer had been found, but was unable to say whether uranium ore was already extracted.

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1. [] Comment: The reference may be to Litrbachy (N51/P57) or Litrbachy (N51/P48).

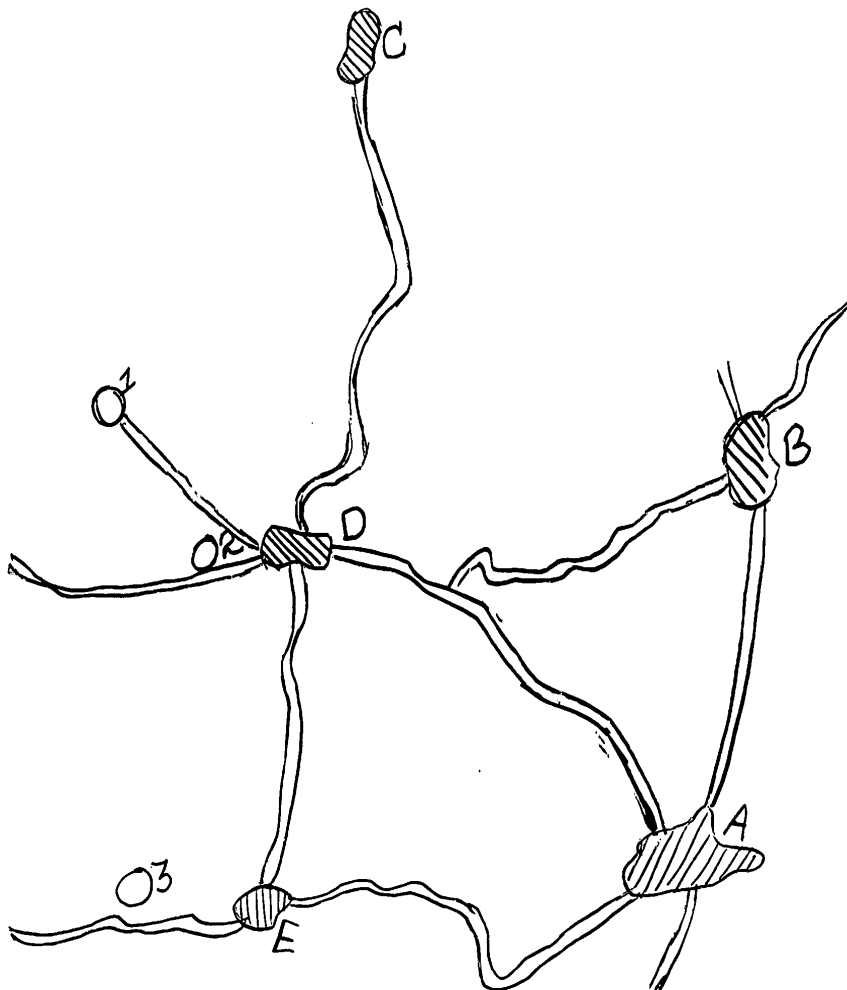
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Legend:

- A Plana
- B Chodova Plana
- C Drmoul
- D Zadni Chodov
- E Sv. Kriz
- 1 Area of Pit No.19
- 2 Area of Pit No.21
- 3 Mining area near Sv. Kriz

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